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1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI ASKED THE CHARGE YESTERDAY (SEPTEMBER 20) IF THE EMBASSY HAD HEARD ANYTHING ACOUT THE JUST-CONCLUDED US-POLISH JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION MEETING IN WASHINGTON. CHARGE REPLIED THAT WE HAD RECEIVED ONLY THE TEXT OF THE COMMISSION'S PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT. HE ADDED THAT WE ALSO HAVE A REPORT ON DEPUTY PREMIER OLSZEWSKI'S CALL ON ACTING SECRETARY ROBINSON (REFTEL).

2. SPASOWSKI THEN ASKED IF THE DIVIDED FAMILY MATTER HAD BEEN RAISED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY. WHEN THE CHARGE RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY SPASOWSKI SAID THIS WAS GOOD, SINCE "A MATTER OF SUCH IMPORTANCE TO THE USG NEEDS TO BE REGISTERED ON AS MANY LEVELS AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE POLISH GOVERNMENT." CHARGE SAID HE WAS SURE OUR CONCERN OVER THIS SUBJECT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE EXPRESSED WHEREVER AND WHENEVER WE THINK APPROPRIATE AND THAT HE HOPED THE POLISH AUTHORITIES WERE UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT WE WERE COMPLAINING FOR THE RECORD. ASIDE FROM A GENUINE HUMANITARIAN INTEREST IN THE DIVIDED FAMILIES INVOLVED, WE ARE ALSO WORRIED THAT POLISH PERFORMANCE ON EMIGRATION WOULD NOT STAND UP UNDER CLOSE CONGRESSIONAL AND US PUBLIC SCRUTINY AND THAT A CONTINUED POOR SHOWING WOULD SOONER OR LATER HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE GENERALLY GOOD STATE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. SPASOWSKI
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